GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF 5 KG CYLINDERS THROUGH PDS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to sell 5 (five) Kg. L.P.G. Cylinders for B.P.L. family and low income family through Public Distribution System ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which this facility is likely to be started ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are marketing 5 kg domestic LPG cylinders through their own distribution network with effect from August, 2002 in order to meet the demand of low-income group customers and to extend the reach of LPG to the hilly terrain and interior areas. As on 1.8.2006, there are about 3.27 lakh registered customers of 5 kg cylinders with OMCs. There is no plan to sell these cylinders through the Public Distribution System.